BIFR recommendation on introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme

2732. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where BIFR asked the concerned company to introduce Voluntary Retirement Scheme to the employees including officials while reviving the sick companies during the last three years;

(b) the details in each case including the number of employees in sick companes, who accepted the scheme and the financial burden/expenditure incurred in each case; and

(c) whether there is any policy of the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Study on cement industry

2733. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest study of Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency on Cement Industry;

(b) what has been our cement production during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) the details of year-wise and Statewise figures of both production and consumption;

(d) whether there will be a glut in cement market by 1996-97 to the extent of 17 million tonnes; and

(e) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to saved cement industry from total collapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production figures are as under:

1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
48.76	(million tonnes) 54.01	54.08

(c) Data regarding consumption of cement is not maintained Centrally. However, a statement showing the details of State-wise and year-wise production of large plants and data regarding consumption as collected and published by the Cement Manufacturers Association is annexed *[See* Appendix 173 Annexures No. 56]

(d) The Planning Commission has projected the demand of cement including exports at 76 million tonnes by 1996-97. Considering the existing installed capacity and the capacity likely to be added in the next two years, it is expected that a balance between demand and supply will be maintained by 1996-97.

(e) Does not arise.

Pending proposals for assistance

2734. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 705 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 1995 and state:

(a) how many proposals from Government of Gujarat for assistance from the National Renewal Fund are pending before Government as on date; and

(b) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared and assistance sanctioned and released to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and

(b) Two proposals have been received till date from the Government of Gujarat for assistance from the National Renewal Fund. The proposals would be taken up after operational modalities for grant of assistance from National Renewal Fund are finalised.

Import of pulses

2735. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to import pulses like grames (chana, urad and moong) under the (O.G.L.) open general licence in view of their skyrocketing prices in the domestic market;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the rate at which these will be imported; and

(c) the rate of these pulses in the country paid to the farmers and the indigenous production of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

बड़े उद्योगों की लघु उद्योगों में इक्विटी सहभागिता का प्रभाव

2736. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री 16 मार्च, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 717 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बड़े उद्योगों की इक्विटी सहभागिता वाली लघु औद्योगिक इकाइयों को भी अपने उत्पादन का 50 प्रतिशत भाग देश में ही बेचने की छूट दी जा रही है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य किया है:

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार के इस निर्णय से लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र के लघु पूंजी निवेश वाले वर्तमान उद्योगों में रुग्णता की समस्या बढ़ेगी; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम॰ अरुणाचलम): (क) जी, नहीं। मौजूदा नीति के अनुसार एक बड़ा उद्योग लघु औद्योगिक एकक की इक्विटी में 24% तक भागीदारी कर सकता है। देश में लघु एककों द्वारा विनिर्मित उत्पादों के विपणन और बिक्री पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं है।

(ख) विपणन और बिक्री संबंधी प्रतिबंध का प्रश्न केवल तभी उठता है जब बड़े उद्योगों की मंशा लघु उद्योगों के लिए आरक्षित मदों का विनिर्माण करने की होती है। मौजूदा नीति के अनुसार, एक बड़ा एकक 75% निर्यात दायित्व के अधीन आरक्षित मदों का विनिर्माण कर सकता है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

SSI units closed after liberalisation

2737. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small scale industrial units closed down in the last three years in the wake of liberalisation measures taken by Government; and

(b) the attempts made by Government to revive these units before they ware finelly closed down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). No reports of closure of small scale industiral units have been received in the last three years in the wake of liberalisation measures taken by Govenment. However, as per information received from Reserve Bank of India at the end of March, 1994, there were 2,56,452* sick small scale units accumulated over the years in the country, out of which 16,580 units were potentially viable.